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Church News

November is the month for offerings for Education for the Ministry. Remittances should be made to Mr. John Stites, Treasurer, 110 Fifth Street, Louisville.

The Third Sabbath in November or the day nearest thereto most convenient, is the time for an offering for the Endowment Fund of Ministerial Relief. Mr. John Stites, 110 Fifth Street, Louisville, Ky., is also treasurer of this cause. The funds are kept entirely separate, so be sure to specify for which your remittance is intended.

CHINA.

We have received the following facts from China: A famine is reported at Hai-chow. The schools at Suchien have opened well and all were hard at work after vacation. Dr. Bradley is trying to buy land for his hospital outside the city near the new boys' school.

ALABAMA.

Jacksonville: A commission of North Alabama Presbytery consisting of Rev. J. G. Anderson, Rev. Geo. Lang, Rev. J. F. Turner, Elders Geo. E. Carter and John Nisbset ordained and installed Rev.

T. D. Bateman pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, Ala., Sunday, Oct. 31. This church and its young pastor start out under most auspicious circumstances.

Rev. J. G. Anderson has resigned the pastorate of the First Church of Anniston, Ala., to accept the position of superintendent of Home Missions of North Alabama Presbytery. The Presbytery will hold an adjourned meeting in Selma during the meeting of Synod to act upon his resignation. If the pastoral relation is dissolved he will begin his work the first of the new year.

Mobile: We have just closed a meeting in the Central Church, in which the pastor was assisted by Rev. R. O. Flinn, D. D., of Atlanta. The meeting was contrived, and managed chiefly, by the Westminster League. Dr. Flinn came to us in the fullness of the Spirit, and gave a most splendid series of discourses. His word was with power, and resulted in a great quickening of the church, and in the awakening of the unsaved. Some fifteen have confessed and united with the church, and many others will come in.

Tuscaloosa: Last Sunday night, (Oct. 31) was a happy occasion to the members and friends of the Second Presbyterian Church of Tuscaloosa. A large audience assembled in the beautiful and well lighted auditorium of the new church building for the purpose of dedicating it to the worship of Almighty God. Rev. W. E. Hutchison preached an appropriate sermon from 2 Cor. 3:11. The prayer of dedication was made by Rev. R. B. McAlpine, who has been in charge of this work for some time. The choir of the First Church led the congregation in singing the grand old hymns: "Come thou Almighty King," "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty," "The Church's One Foundation." This work began twenty years ago—during pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Charles A. Stillman—in a Sabbath-school organized in the upper story of an old shack—ill-lighted and ill-ventilated—on Greensboro Avenue. The place was finally changed to a new location and a better house. And now in the evolution of things we have a handsome building, well equipped for all purposes of church life and work. The Sunday-school room opens into the main audience room, and will be curtailed off for the various classes, giving facilities that we have never had before. Mr. R. E. Rhodes, assisted by a number of consecrated teachers, is the faithful superintendent of the Sabbath school. This work of love by these faithful Sunday school workers, has been carried on under many discouragements, yet always with courage and persistence, and the result is, under God, this larger equipment for service, an organized church, a flourishing Sunday-school, and regular preaching every Sabbath.

ARKANSAS.

Lonoke: There are times and circumstances when we are prone to imagine, with God's servant of old, that "all these things are against me." During

our meeting at Lonoke, Ark., such circumstances seemed to prevail. The Sunday before the meeting began, the minister in charge resigned and left; the busy season was upon the people; gathering and marketing their cotton and rice; merchants working early and late; a concert, a show and a marriage reception—all these occurring, and added to these the indifference and discouragement of many. Shall the meeting be held? Some said no. Some said yes. We are now rejoicing that the year prevailed. With the assistance of several friends, much visiting was done. A business men's prayer meeting and also afternoon and night services were daily held. There were five members received, four upon profession of faith and one by letter. Eleven children were baptized. One deacon was elected, ordained and installed, viz.: Mr. W. W. McCrary. The sum of \$450 was pledged for a minister for one-half of his time; he will also be furnished a manse. \$29.54 were given for Presbyterian Home Missions. For further information concerning this church write Mr. J. A. Brouse or Mr. Ed. Webster. This is a rapidly developing section of the country and a fine field for an active minister. My next appointment is at Batesville, Ark.

Fraternally,
Wm. H. Richardson.

FLORIDA.

Bartow: The Rev. Mr. Branch, Assistant Superintendent of Thornwell Orphanage at Clinton, S. C., who is visiting the churches of the Florida Synod in behalf of that institution, gave an interesting and spirited address to our congregation the last Sabbath of October. His presentation of that worthy cause was well received and not without avail. From here he goes to Clearwater and other points in South Florida, and we hope that his efforts for the fatherless will meet with the success which they deserve.

GEORGIA.

Savannah: The congregation of the Independent Presbyterian Church, at a meeting held Oct. 31, requested the Rev. J. Y. Fair to withdraw his resignation, and remain with them as pastor. Dr. Fair stated to the committee that he would announce his decision later.

Decatur: Rev. A. L. Phillips, General Superintendent of Sunday schools, filled the pulpit of this church on Sunday morning, November 7. The pastor, Rev. J. G. Patton, D. D., is assisting Rev. James Bradley, of Jackson, in a meeting.

Atlanta, North Avenue Church: On Sunday night, October 31, Rev. L. C. Vass, of Luebo, Africa, gave a stereopticon lecture descriptive of his work on the Congo, which was both interesting and instructive. The Christian Endeavor Society held their monthly missionary meeting Sunday night, just before the evening services, the subject being "Mexico." The Mirlams sang a song which was composed by one of the members of the society for this occasion. The Business Women's Committee at